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SUBJ: 1974 TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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1. CONTEMPLATED LDC INITIATIVE REPORTED REF (C) TO SEEK INCREASE IN 1974 IN OPERATIONAL FUND TARGET FROM DOLS 3 MILLION TO DOLS 5 MILLION IS DISTURBING. EVEN IF IT ONLY FOR PURPOSE OF MAKING RECORD, EXTREMITY OF PROPOSAL COULD BE COUNTER- PRODUCTIVE AND CAN GIVE RISE TO DISRUPTIVE LDC- DC CONFRONTATION WHICH IAEA TO THIS POINT HAS LARGELY AVOIDED.

2. WE SHARE MISSION' S VIEW THAT POSITION OUTLINED PARA 10 (REF (A)) IS APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. REF (B) CONTAINS AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE STATEMENT ALONG THOSE LINES. WE SUGGEST THAT MISSION ALSO ASCERTAIN FROM AGENCY CORRECTNESS
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OF CLAIM THAT AGENCY IS MEETING ONLY 40 PERCENT OF

(AGENCY APPROVED) REQUESTS FOR TA, KEEPING IN MIND PROJECTS PICKED UP BY US AND PERHAPS OTHER MEMBERS THROUGH IN- KIND ASSISTANCE. MISSION SHOULD ALSO CHALLENGE IMPLICATION IN ARGUMENT REPORTED PARA 3(C) REF (C) THAT INCREASE IN SIZE OF ASSESSED BUDGET BECAUSE OF INFLATION AND DEVALUATION WILL NOT BE LARGELY TO ADVANTAGE OF PROGRAMS WHICH BENEFIT LDC' S.

3. MISSION SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ANNOUNCE SIZE OF AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR US VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION IN 1974. UNCERTAINTIES OF LEGISLATION, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSE TO OUR REPORT ON PASTORE AMENDMENT, MAKE THIS INADVISABLE. SUGGEST THAT MISSION EMPHASIZE DOLS 200,000 INCREASE IN US VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FROM 1972 TO 1973 WHILE TARGET REMAINED UNCHANGED, STRESSING THAT SIZE OF FUTURE US CONTRIBUTIONS DEPENDENT ON CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION BUT ALSO IMPORTANTLY WILL REFLECT ACTIONS OF ALL OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDING LDC' S TO CONTRIBUTE FULL SHARE TO TARGET.

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